



19th Annual Christkindlmarkt December 1-3



Every year, families from all over Tulsa and the surrounding communities come to the GAST Christkindlmarkt to shop for one-of-kind gifts, eat authentic German food and enjoy holiday entertainment. No matter the weather, the indoor market is always a warm and welcoming shopping experience for the whole family.

A large Christmas wreath on the front lawn welcomes visitors to the beautifully decorated GAST Center. It is similar to Maibaums displayed in many towns in Europe.



25 local artisans set up shops throughout the GAST Center to sell handmade items. GAST is selling a wide assortment of food and gift items from Germany—everything from chocolates to vintage steins. And back by popular demand – *Gluehwein!*

On the Upper Level, live harp music fills the air during the 3-day festival. On the Lower Level, there are children’s activities throughout the day. The main attraction is the live puppet show performed each year by GAST members. This year’s show is “The Rabbit and the Hedgehog.” Be sure to check out the beautiful Bethlehem Village!

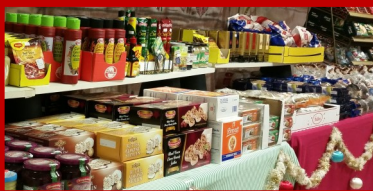
Friday, December 1st 10 - 7
Saturday, December 2nd 10 - 5
Sunday, December 3rd 12 - 5

Puppet Show

Fri 1pm & 5pm

Sat 12pm, 2pm & 4pm

Sun 1pm, 2:30pm & 4pm



Many volunteers are needed to create this wonderful Christmas market. Christkindlmarkt committee members will be contacting GAST members through November to ask for volunteers.

Join the fun by saying “Yes!”

On the MENU

Beef Gulasch

Schnitzel Sandwiches

Bratwurst

Hot Dogs

Potato Pancakes

Sauerkraut

Stollen

Apfelstrudel

Cheesecake

UPCOMING
EVENTS AT
GAST

November

- 3 Stammtisch
- 6 Movie Night
- 7 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 14 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 19 Volkstrauertag Ft. Reno
- 19 Route 66 Marathon**
- 21 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 28 Handarbeitsgruppe

December

- 1-3 Christkindlmarkt**
- 4 Movie Night
- 5 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 8 Stammtisch
- 9 Christmas Party & Children’s Party**
- 10 Adventsfeier
- 12 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 17 Konversationsrunde
- 19 Handarbeitsgruppe

January

- 5 Stammtisch
- 8 Movie Night
- 9 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 13 Anniversary Party**
- 14 Konversationsrunde
- 16 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 23 Handarbeitsgruppe
- 30 Handarbeitsgruppe



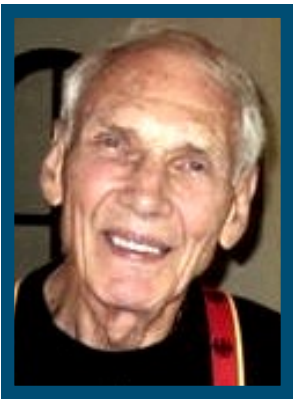
...from the GAST President — Joseph Rohr

Greetings! By the time you read this Oktoberfest will have come and gone. The weather looks good and we are hoping for a successful festival this year. Bill Wilbur and his committee have been busy preparing for the fest and gathering volunteers to work in our tent. I wish to thank our Oktoberfest committee and all the volunteers that worked to help make this a successful fund raiser for GAST.

Currently there is much needed work on the entry way ceiling in progress. A special thanks to Don Wright and his committee for all their work in planning and soliciting bids for this project. I especially want to thank your GAST Board in working together to make sure the beauty and structural integrity of our building is addressed.

I am wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyful time with your family and loved ones.

Peace!
Joseph



...from the Building Manager—Harold Wicks

The Foyer or Vestibule renovation was started on Monday, October 16th. The walls and ceiling have been repaired and repainted. This is the first step in the renovation project. Don Wright and his committee have put many hours into organizing this project. We thank the committee for their time and ideas.

Our lawn service has been working to plant new grass seed, trim low hanging tree branches, and clean up the leaves that are falling from the trees.

Thanks to Carol Wright, we have a new banner advertising our Event Center for rent. It is very colorful and we hope people passing by our building will notice it.

Choose to be Happy,
Harold

...from the Arts President — Arnold Bieber



The Swiss Heritage Tour groups Aesch Accordion Orchestra and Yodeling Club “Schlossbrünneli“ gave an outstanding performance for an audience of about 190 people in the Great Hall of the GAST Center on September 29. It hard to believe that these groups are social clubs



and not professional musicians. They have a long history of keeping traditional Swiss culture alive by practicing diligently each week and then sharing their talents with the world. We thank Andre Siegenthaler and the Swiss Club of Oklahoma for inviting us to participate in organizing this event. Our Publicity Chair Cheryl Baker helped to spread the message of this free event to the public. Carol Wright posted video clips of the performance on the German-American Society Facebook page.

Our monthly Konversationsrunde was held on Sunday, October 1st, at 3 PM in the Weinkeller. The Tulsa-Celle Partnership joined us and provided the speaker, Professor Emerita of German at Oklahoma City University, Christiane Brandt Faris, who gave an interesting talk about her life as a child in Celle, our Sister City in Germany, during and after World War II. She also introduced her most recent book ‘The Nicest Nazi: Childhood Memories of World War II.’ Members and guests enjoyed the lively conversation with wine, coffee and cake following the presentation by Ms. Brandt Faris.

We celebrated German-American Day on Sunday, October 8, at 3PM in the Great Hall with our great GAST Blaskapelle and speaker Joe Monroe, who gave an excellent review of German immigration history and the contributions German immigrants have made to American society.



Members wishing to participate in the 19th annual memorial ceremony, Volkstrauertag, please communicate with Barbara Conrad. See page 7 for details.

Arnold

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Oktoberfest BY THE NUMBERS

For the 39th year, GAST's authentic German food at Oktoberfest Tulsa was a hit with hungry festival goers. Many thanks to all the dedicated GAST members who volunteered countless hours to make this annual fundraiser such a big success. It is a huge undertaking every year, and once again GAST can be proud of a job well done!

5 DAYS

Linde Oktoberfest was open for business

452

Pretzels



200+ VOLUNTEERS

42 HOURS

GAST tent served food During the 5-day festival



28

Gallons of mustard

1,064

Pounds of sauerkraut



560

Hot dogs

720

Brownies

6,045

Servings of potato pancakes (466 gallons of mix!)



7,550

Bratwurst links (1,510 pounds!)



GAST Sponsors the Linde Oktoberfest Poster

German American Society of Tulsa is once again the Sponsor of the Commemorative Poster for Linde Oktoberfest. This year's poster was designed by Tulsa artist Mattie Gilliland who has attended the festival since he was a boy.

At the poster unveiling party hosted at the GAST Center, Gilliland told the large crowd, "I wasn't old enough to really appreciate what was going on, but I remember being enthralled by the traditional music and it was the first time I ever experienced the simple joy of a pretzel with mustard," Gilliland says. For this reason a pretzel is prominently depicted in his winning poster design.

Steins displaying the German and American coats of arms clinking together convey the spirit of brotherhood between the two countries.

PROST!

This Month in History

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address given November 19, 1863

The Holland Tunnel opened to traffic November 13, 1927

Authors Jonathan Swift and Mark Twain as well as Sir Winston Churchill were born November 30. Swift in 1667, Twain in 1835, Churchill in 1874

WWI ended November 11, at 11pm, 1918—commemorated every year with Veterans Day

Bell Telephone Company introduced the push-button phone November 18, 1963

The Berlin Wall began deconstruction November 9, 1989



On **Sunday, November 19th**, more than 13,000 runners from all 50 states and 15 countries will converge on downtown Tulsa to compete in the 12th annual Williams Route 66 Marathon. GAST is excited to join the long list of organizations that support this great event that includes a marathon, half marathon, relay marathon, 5k and fun run. GAST has agreed to provide volunteers to hand cups of water to runners as they run past the GAST Center on their way to the finish line.

Perks of Volunteering for Route 66 Marathon:

- 2017 Volunteer Coin
- 2017 Williams Route 66 Marathon Volunteer T-Shirt
- Goodie Bag
- Invitation to the Thank You Party

The marathon starts at 7th and Main at 8:00am and ends at Guthrie Green. The GAST Center water station is the 14th of 17 water stations and is located between mile marker 22 and 23. Everything we need will be provided for us by the marathon organizers. All we need to do is provide workers from 8:45am – 3:45pm to hand out water and cheer on the runners.

GAST Blaskapelle will perform on the patio to entertain and energize the runners and volunteers alike.

Members are encouraged to wear a GAST t-shirt to the marathon. What better way to advertise our organization – people having fun and supporting our community. See page 6 for details about t-shirts!

**Call Nikki Brewer
918-694-9564
to volunteer**

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GAST T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!



New GAST t-shirts are here! They're stylish and comfortable (60/40 cotton/polyester blend) and available in sizes **Small** to **4X**.

\$10!

Everyone who purchases a shirt is encouraged to wear it at volunteer opportunities throughout the year. It's a great way to publicize our organization!

Contact Ruth Obermark today.
918-645-9214 or obermarks@sbcglobal.net.



Now Playing at the Erwin Jerchau

Plan ahead!

GAST THEATER

Monday December 4, starting at 6:30 PM

Weihnachtsmelodien

With many well known Schlager Stars

Starting at 7:30 PM

Weihnachten ohne mich mein Schatz

Starring Jutta Speidel, Henry Hübchen, Gesine Cukrowski, Angela Roy and many more

November 6, 6:30pm—Buntes Allerlei, 7:30pm—Für immer Daheim

DECEMBER

Elke Leach

Sunshine lady



Ingrid Grim received a get-well card while she is recovering from surgery.

If you know of anyone who is ill or injured and could use a get-well card, please let me know. The same, if you know someone who is celebrating an important anniversary, milestone, or life event!

Email: elke@one-ring.net

Phone: (918) 252-3838

Volkstrauertag—November 19, 2017

Volkstrauertag (People's Day of Mourning) is a public holiday in Germany two Sundays before the first day of Advent. It commemorates members of the military and civilians who died as the result of armed conflicts and victims of violent oppression. A commemoration will take place on **Sunday, November 19th at 2PM** in the chapel and cemetery of Fort Reno. A representative of the German Consulate in Houston along with the Oklahoma Honor Guard and members of the German Air Force will participate.



Directions: Take I- 44 West to Oklahoma City, turn South to I-35, then West on I-40. Stay on I-40, until exit 119. Follow the signs to the Ft. Reno Visitor Center.

Check with Barbara Conrad if you are interested in carpooling.

Big Thanks from the Conrad's!

Thomas and his family would like to thank the GAST members who made his birthday special. With your help this day is the highlight of the year for him.

Naturally he is already talking about next year! A big thank you to everybody again, we are very happy that you are making him so welcome.

Barbara & Stan Conrad



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Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

The next Konversationsrunde will coincide with the Volkstrauertag Memorial Service to be held **Sunday, November 19, 2017** at 2:00pm in the Fort Reno Chapel in Oklahoma City. (see pg 7 for details)

The Konversationsrunde is a program under the auspices of the German American Society of Tulsa Arts Association (GASAA). It serves to promote the German language and cultural interests of its members. For suggestions, information or if you are interested in hosting one of our meetings please call:

Barbara Conrad (chair) at **918 492 3273** or
Gertrud Schmidt (co chair) **918 495 3727**

Stammtischrunde

Friday, November 3, 2017 – 6:30 PM
in the GAST Weinkeller.

Hope to see you there.

Zum Wohl,

– Dann Bjorklund

New Members

Thank you for joining us.

GAST heartily welcomes you all!

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